



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1010

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CONCERNING THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY IN COLORADO.

WHEREAS, The military and defense-related industry in Colorado are a vital resource for our nation, helping to develop and operate national and international capabilities, such as the Global Positioning System, Air Force Satellite Control Network, and key weather satellites; and

WHEREAS, The military and defense-related industry accounts for \$27 billion of Colorado's economy on an annual basis and is the third-largest employer in Colorado, tied with the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's continued leadership in defense technology crosses numerous sectors to include space, cyber, aerospace, and missile defense; and

WHEREAS, Employment in defense-related industry can be found across all regions of the Centennial State, and the industry provides high-paying, technically-oriented employment to thousands of Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, Numerous defense technologies, such as the internet and Global Positioning Systems, have become beneficial tools used for financial transactions, cell phone applications, and myriad products, from the mundane to the life-saving; and

WHEREAS, Satellite imagery, developed as a defense technology, is used every day in community planning, flood plain mapping, real estate transactions, and navigation; and

WHEREAS, Technology developed through the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in the 1980s is now used to purify water, sterilize medical products, preserve food, and power heart defibrillators; and

WHEREAS, Radiation-hardened accelerometers developed for missile defense are now used in both oil drilling and air bags found in automobiles; and

WHEREAS, These examples represent a small sample of the positive impact that these defense technologies and the companies that produce them bring to Colorado; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

(1) That we, the members of the Seventy-first General Assembly, hereby recognize the positive impact that the military and defense-related industry has had on the Centennial State; and

(2) That we encourage the continued growth of the military and defense-related industry in Colorado.

Be it Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor John W. Hickenlooper, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, the U.S. Secretary of the Army, the U.S. Secretary of the Navy, the U.S. Secretary of the Air Force, and Colorado's Congressional delegation.



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